23rd March 1929]

Appointment of a Systematic Botanist in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

* 1837 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that before applications were invited for the vacant post of Systematic Botanist at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, the Director had made a selection from outside the department seeing that his nominee from the department was not acceptable to the Government;

(*b*) whether the Government asked the Director of Agriculture to choose a candidate from the department itself when his nominees were rejected and if not, why not;

(*c*) whether after the separation of teaching and research, the previous definite orders of Government were obtained by the Director of Agriculture for placing Mr. Jivanna Rao in the teaching section itself and if not, why not;

(*d*) whether the Director recommended Mr. Jacob for the post of Systematic Botanist when he was ineligible for it under the rules;

(*e*) whether Mr. Jacob recommended by the Director of Agriculture had given an undertaking when he was specially exempted for admission to the Agricultural College for want of educational qualifications that he will not use the Agricultural College Diploma for entry into public service and if so, the necessity for his entertainment in the department; and

(*f*) whether one Mr. Jivanna Rao had applied for the post of Systematic Botanist and his application considered by the Government?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in negative.

(*b*) The Director was asked to select a suitable candidate from the department or otherwise. It was not considered necessary to restrict the selection to persons of the department only, as the aim of the Government was to get a really efficient candidate for the post.

(*c*) Mr. Jivanna Rao was Assistant Lecturer and Systematic Botanist prior to separation. Later, the designation of the post was changed to Lecturer in Botany and so he automatically got into the post. No separate orders were necessary.

(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative but he was recommended as he was in the opinion of the Director the most competent Research Botanist in the department.

(*e*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As to the second part the answer is that such an undertaking does not prevent Government from appointing him if he is found competent.

(*f*) No application was received from Mr. Jivanna Rao in response to the advertisement for the post of Systematic Botanist.

Appointment of the Systematic Botanist.

* 1838 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the post of Systematic Botanist in the Madras Agricultural Service has been kept unfilled for nearly two years;